GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:848
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ANTI-INDIA ACTIVITIES
MOHAN RAWALE

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ISI`s anti-India operations are being operated from Nepal and Bangladesh;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government on diplomatic front in this regard including their response thereto; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) & (b) The Government is concerned about ISI misusing the territories of Nepal and Bangladesh and the open India-Nepal border for activities inimical to India`s interest and is seized of the matter.

Government of India has been regularly taking up security related issues with Nepal and Bangladesh through diplomatic channels as well as through existing institutional mechanisms, which have been developed to jointly address the issues relating to maintenance of peace and security and prevention of trans-border criminal activities. Both Nepal and Bangladesh Governments have given the assurance that they would not allow their territories to be used for activities inimical to India`s interests.

(c) Does not arise.